

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of the subject matter of this application is requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-15, and 17-30 have been indicated as allowable.

Claims 16, and 31-33 have been canceled.

The Drawing

The drawing has been accepted.

Rejections

The rejections on prior art that are of record are:

Claims 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Rasanen et al. in view of Oz et al.

Argument

Rasanen et al. patent (Rasanen)

Deficiencies in the applicability of the Rasanen et al. patent to the subject matter of claims 31 and 32 have been detailed in previous papers. These

arguments are believed to remain valid.

Oz patent

The Oz patent is evidently cited as showing a cable network, thus anticipating the limitation added to claim 31 in the last amendment. However, the validity of combining these references has not been established.

To advance the prosecution of this application applicants choose to cancel claims 31 and 32, the only claims remaining in issue, leaving open the possibility of pursuing these claims, or equivalent subject matter, in a future application.

This application appears to be in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner concludes that a telephone call would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at Area Code 757-258-9018.

Respectfully,



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